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Serial No.: **10/622,614**

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INSULATING FILM (as amended)**

Attorney Docket Number: **030877**
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Date: March 23, 2005

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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions concerning this Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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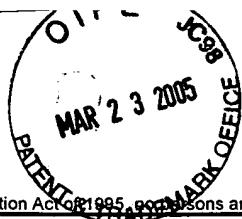
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